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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were pending when last examined. A restriction requirement was issued **JUL 28 2006** requesting election of one of the following claim groups:

- I. Claims 1-9
- II. Claims 10-19
- III. Claim 20

Although Claim 21 was not classified, Applicant assumes that Claim 21 belongs in Group III as it depends from Claim 20.

Applicants hereby elect Group I without traverse. Claims 10-21 are withdrawn.

A telephone conversation with the Examiner confirmed that the oral election of January 19, 2006 in response to a restriction of the claims to Group I including Claims 1-19 and Group II including Claims 20-21 is to be replaced by the restriction and election referred to above.

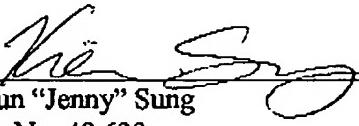
The claims are now ready for examination on their merits. The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number below in order to speed the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2257.

Respectfully submitted,

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